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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 3, 6-11, and 17 such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Original) A character object comprising:

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an artistic layer formed of sheet material including:

a torso having a plurality of articulation points;

a plurality of appendages, wherein each appendage is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso articulation points such that each appendage may be pivoted with respect to the torso; and at least one magnet fixed to the artistic layer.

- 2. (Original) The character object of claim 1 wherein the magnet has substantially the same shape as the artistic layer.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The character object of claim 1, wherein A character object comprising:

 an artistic layer formed of sheet material including:

a torso having a plurality of articulation points;

a plurality of appendages, wherein each appendage is pivotally connected to

the torso at one of the torso articulation points such that each

appendage may be pivoted with respect to the torso; and

a plurality of magnets are disposed at each the articulation points.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The character object of elaim 1 claim 3, wherein each the magnets disposed at the articulation points includes comprise:
 - [[a]] magnetic pivot fasteners.

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5. (Original) The character object of claim 4, wherein each magnetic pivot fastener includes single annular plastic casing having a magnet secured internally in the casing and annular collars disposed annularly about the casing so as to secure each appendage to the torso.

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6. (Currently amended) The character object of claim 1 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise:

first and second leg members appendages, wherein each of the first and second leg members appendages has at least two articulated segments.

- 7. (Currently amended) The character of claim 6 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise:

 third and fourth leg members appendages, wherein each of the third and fourth leg

 members appendages has at least two articulated segments.
- 8. (Currently amended) The character of claim 6 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise:

 first and second arm members appendages, wherein each of the first and second arm

 members appendages has at least two articulated segments.
- 9. (Currently amended) The character of claim 8 wherein each leg member appendage has three articulated segments and each arm member appendage has three articulated segments.
- 10. (Original) The character of claim 8 wherein the plurality of appendages comprise: a head member.
- 11. (Currently amended) A toy assembly comprising:

a character object including:

a torso formed of sheet material having a plurality of articulation points;

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first and second leg members appendages, wherein each of the first and second leg members appendages has at least two articulation points; first and second arm members appendages, wherein each of the third first and fourth second arm members appendages has at least two articulation

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points;

wherein each leg member appendage and arm member appendage is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the articulation points on the torso; and

a magnetic pivot fastener disposed at each articulation point wherein each magnetic pivot fastener includes single annular plastic casing having a magnet secured internally in the casing and annular collars disposed annularly about the casing so as to secure each appendage to the torso.

12. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising:

a plurality of word objects comprising:

a word surface formed of sheet material displaying a word selected from a list of parts of speech including nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, pronouns, prepositions, prefixes, suffixes; and

a first magnetic layer fixably attached to the word surface.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising:

a word bubble object formed of sheet material including a word object surface shaped so as to resemble a cartoon word balloon, so as to imply speech or thought; and

a second magnetic layer fixably attached to the word object surface.

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14. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 and further comprising:

an accessory object formed of sheet material including an accessory surface; and
a third magnetic layer fixably attached to the accessory surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 11, wherein the magnet has substantially the same shape as the torso, leg members appendages and arm members appendages.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 11, wherein each articulation point includes a magnet pivot fastener.

17. (Currently amended) A toy kit comprising:

a case;

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a first character object including:

a torso formed of sheet material having a plurality of torso joints;

first and second leg members appendages formed of sheet material pivotally connected to the torso wherein each of the first and second leg members appendages is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints and has at least two articulated segments;

first and second arm members appendages formed of sheet material wherein each of the first and second arm members appendages is pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints and has at least two articulated segments;

- a head member formed of sheet material pivotally connected to the torso at one of the torso joints; and
- a first magnetic layer fixably attached to the torso, first and second leg members appendages, first and second arm members appendages and head member;

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a first word bubble object including:

a word object surface formed of sheet material and shaped so as to resemble a cartoon word balloon; and

a second magnetic layer fixably attached to the word object surface; an accessory object including:

a first accessory surface formed of sheet material and shaped so as to resemble a tool; and

a third magnetic layer fixably attached to the accessory surface.

- B (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:

 a second character object substantially similar to the first character object.
 - 19. (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:

 a second word bubble object substantially similar to the first word bubble object.
 - 20. (Original) The kit of claim 17 comprising:

 a second accessory object substantially similar to the first accessory object.
 - 21. (New) The character object of claim 1, wherein no more than one of the plurality of appendages is pivotally connected to the torso at each torso articulation point.